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[REDACTED] the Dai Viet Quoc Dan Dang was 25X1A
actively propagandizing in Viet Nam against both the French and the Viet 25X1A
Minh. The propaganda tract translated in [REDACTED] was erroneously credited
to the Dai Viet Quoc Dan Dang. It was, in fact, the work of the Tan Dan
Chu Dang. The organization and aims of the Tan Dan Chu Dang were described
in [REDACTED] Little is known, at present, concerning the actual strength 25X1A
and potentialities of this organization. It is believed to be composed of
conservative nationalist elements opposed to both the French and the Viet
Minh.)

The Dai Viet Quoc Dan Dang is co-operating with the Tan Dan Chu Dang and
there is some overlapping of personnel. A propaganda campaign against
both the French and the Viet Minh was begun in late 1947 by the Tan Dan
Chu Dang.

Following is an English translation of a propaganda tract distributed by
the Tan Dan Chu Dang early in 1948 in both the French and Viet Minh zones
of Tonkin. It gives an indication of the attitude of certain anti-Viet
nationalist elements regarding Bao Dai.

"The Puppet Life of Bao Dai"

"For twenty years the French maintained Bao Dai on his throne so
that he might serve them as a puppet. With the co-operation of the
corrupt officials of the Court of Hue, and with the help of the Resident
Superieur and the Governor General, Bao Dai maintained a most barbarous
regime in Annam.

"After the fall of France, Bao Dai became the puppet of Petain's
puppet government. He served the Mikado, organized the system of control
and confiscation of paddy, and caused the death by starvation of two million
of his subjects. A few months before the Japanese surrender he underwent
another metamorphosis. He became a puppet for the Japanese military in
order to retain his kingship within the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity
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"Bao Dai realized that his puppet kingship had come to an end with the general insurrection of the people of Viet Nam in August 1945. In order to escape death and to safeguard some of his interests, he was forced to play another role. The opportunist policy of the Viet Minh helped him in his new scheme. He was made Counsellor by the Viet Minh. This was merely a puppet position but it saved him from shame and death. With the help of the Viet Minh he was able to wash away his crimes and prepare to betray the people in the future.

"The Bao Dai danger has been created by the Viet Minh. Now the success or failure of the scheme which the French and Bao Dai are working on will depend entirely upon whether the people of Viet Nam will be firm or not in their decision to fight until complete independence is won."

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